

Remarks

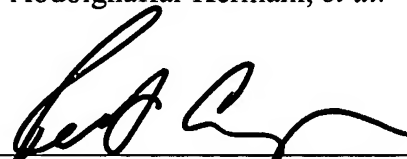
Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. The dependencies of certain claims have been reduced to better conform to United States practice. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the amendment and an early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Abdolghaffar Kermani, *et al.*

BY:



GREGORY J. LAVORGNA
Registration No. 30,469
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
One Logan Square
18th and Cherry Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19103-6996
Tel: (215) 988-3309
Fax: (215) 988-2757
Attorney for Applicants